for a cut in the supply of other arms to Pakistan; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (d) Recommendations have been made recently in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) that no sales of any weapons system more sophisticated, of with a signiffcantly greater capability than those currently possessed by Pakistan, would be given to that country and no sale of military equipment or technology significantly more sophisticated than that currently possessed by Pakistan shall be made available to it unless the US President certified in writing to the Congress that Pakistan has provided reliable assurances that it will not produce weasons grade nuclear material and that according to verifiable information available to the USA, is not producing any weapons grade material. Prior to making the above mentioned certification, the US President would have to give a classified assessment of Pakistan's nuclear programme to the ongress. Theses are initial recommendations made in the SFRC.

Changes in the Board of Directors of NTC

458. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the composition of Board of Directors of the National Textile Corporation Limited, New Delhi has undergone certain changes recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an IAS officer has been inducted into the Board of Directors; and

(d) if so, what are the facts thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Three Funcional Directors of NTC (Holding Co.) have recently completed their tenures. Besides, a new Chairman-cum-Managing Director has joined.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Shri Ajit Singh, IAS (AP:56) has been appointed as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of National Textile Corporation (Holding Company), New Delhi.

New policy on Garments Exports

459. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have, of late, been considering a new policy on garment exports; if so, what are the major draw-backs in the present garment export policy; and

(b) how these draw-backs are sought to be removed under the new policy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Export Entitlement Distribution Policy for Garments is being announced every year. The current Policy was announced in October, 1986 and is working satisfactorily with increased exports. Further rationalisation of the Policy, if necessary, would be considered at the time of formulating the Policy for the next year.

Bonded Labourers in Sugar Mills of Gujarat

460. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more than a lakh persons are being kept as bonded labourers

in the sugar mills of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken to get them released and to ensure that they get at least the minimum wages fixed for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected from the Gujarat Government and will be laid on the Table of the House on its receipt.

[illegible] of Panchmarhi and Amarkantak as Tourist Centres

461. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop Panchmarhi and Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh as centres of tourist attraction;

(b) if so, what are the plans for their development; and

(c) what financial assistance is likely to be given to the State Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The Central Ministry of Tourism gives financial assistance to States on the basis of proposals received from the State Governments. The Ministry has not received any proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for development of Panchmarhi and Amarkantak. However, a Yatrika has been constructed at Amarkantak by the Bhartiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti.

Setting up of National Environment Protection Authority

462. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to set up a National Environment Protection Authority (NEPA) in the country.

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be set up; and

(c) to what extent the Authority will be able to implement environmental protection laws effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) A proposal to set up an Environment Protection Authority is under consideration of the Government. Details of the proposed authority are being worked out.

Opening of new spinning units in Gujarat

463. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as per the present policy, new spinning units are not allowed in Gujarat in the districts other than class 'A' backward districts; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that Dang is the only Class 'A' backward district in Gujarat and that no such industry is possible in Dang district as this is a totally forest district;

(c) whether it is a fact that during 1982-84, 232 new spinning units were allowed in the country and that